First Baptist Church
March 29, 2026
"The Basics of Salvation"
Genesis 8

I. Message
   a. **God saved them from certain death – v.15-19**
      i. Notice that Noah waited for the Lord
         1. You have to think they were anxious to get off of the ark!
         2. But he had learned to wait for the commands of God
      ii. Here, God gives him 2
         1. <u>Command #1: Leave the ark – v.15-16</u>
            a. They saw a very different world than they had left
            b. <u>And there was **death** everywhere</u>
            c. It was as if they had landed on an entirely different planet
               i. And they are the only ones alive
               ii. The judgement of God had come
               iii. But the believers were still alive!
               iv. God had saved them from certain death
         2. Command #2: Repopulate the earth – v.17
            a. You have to imagine that the animals were already "repopulating" before they left the ark
            b. But the command was not just for the animals
               i. All of them were to repopulate the earth
               ii. Genesis 9:18-19
               iii. I have saved you
               iv. I have given you an escape from certain death
               v. Now, your job is to go duplicate yourself

   b. God saved them from overconfident unrepentance – v.20
      i. Noah could have responded to the flood with pride
      ii. But instead, he responded with sacrifice and worship
      iii. And Noah didn't hold back!
         1. There were limited animals available, but…
            a. He took of EVERY clean beast
            b. He took of EVERY clean bird
            c. And he offered them on an altar to the Lord

i. Noah suspected that HE wasn't perfect
ii. He KNEW Mrs. Noah wasn't perfect!
iii. Neither were his boys and their wives
iv. And yet they were alive!
v. All the other sinners were DEAD!

d. Remember, it is not the perfect that God saves
e. It is the repentant
i. This was God's message to Cain
ii. This was God's message thru Enoch and Noah
iii. This was the message of Jesus
1. Do you see God's judgement on sin?
2. Don't #1 pile on the judgement
3. Don't #2 pat yourself on back
4. YOU repent of YOUR sin!

c. God saved them from future destruction – v.21-22

i. Notice God's promises:
1. No further curse on the ground – v.21
2. No killing every living thing – v.21
3. No more disruption to the natural rhythms of creation
4. <u>"While the earth remains"</u>
a. Final judgment **<u>IS</u>** coming
b. But during the next judgment the entire planet will be destroyed, by fire
c. Every SOUL will give an account
d. 2 Peter 3:7-13; Acts 17:31

II. Conclusions

a. God has saved *all believers* from certain death. Are you using the life you are given to advance His priorities and grow His family (reproduce)? – Ephesians 2:8-10
b. God has given *you* opportunity for repentance. Are you daily confessing sin and keeping short balances with God and others? – Proverbs 28:13
c. God has promised His mercy and grace until the final judgment. Are *you* ready to stand before Jesus and give an account of your life? – Romans 14:10-12